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21 Sept 1957

Gen. Dougherty – Briefed Gen. Goodpaster on subject last night.

He had checked with agencies to see if any test vehicles in area at time – replies all negative [redacted] 25X1

X1 [redacted]

The briefing of Goodpaster was at instruction of Gen. Taylor.

Kent – Gen. Cabell says, since news passed to White House, wants to have an "intelligence implications" evaluation for President on Monday a.m.

Dougherty – Info degrading as time goes on –

(a) Rapidly-moving temperature inversion at 52,000' in advance of a cold front (travelling East to West)

(b) Ten-minute break in track

(c) B-47 jamming training west of Buffalo at the time.

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UFO (1)

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[redacted]

1906 Z 20th - initial radar, object at sea off Montauk Point, L.I. Lost track 1907, after several plots. Passed on to westward stations. Alt. 50,000, speed 2,000 kts. (4 plots)

1 minute.

Break of 11 minutes

1918 Z "GAPA 37" radar at Benton Pa. picked up track on reported heading (north of the site). Tracked object westward — 9 plots. Reported 2,000 kt, 50,000'. Track faded at 1927, headed toward Detroit. Note velocity, speed match. At time Benton was tracking object, Pittsburgh reported jamming (questionable) Aircraft scrambled from Wisconsin (Truax) and Chicago. Scrambled on Dead Reckoning projection of track, and intercepted 2 SAC B-47's. (45,000')

9 minutes

Benton tracked object as far as Buffalo.

Any track west of Buffalo Thought to be not connected with UFO — but B-47's had not been

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reported as "3 minutes ECM"

(1) [redacted] What is Mach #?

around 3

Army – had reports of jamming from AAA near Philadelphia, Niagara.

(1) [redacted] jamming reported by AAA Chicago also, believed to be weather. Thinks "Pa." one has also been discounted.

Sometimes temperature inversion will give you an a/c-like plot.

Navy – confirms on temp. inversion.

(1) [redacted] – This speed, or at least its appearance, is a not an infrequent phenomenon in weather situations.

Air – These plots not a perfectly straight line – a corridor of area perhaps 50 miles across.

(1) [redacted] Pittsburgh "jamming" (on search radars) cannot be attributed to B-47's. The radars "jammed" were AAA FPS-3's.

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[redacted] A "cruise-type" missile should travel higher and faster — might turn up at this speed and alt.

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X1 [redacted] — Fishing concentration — Portuguese — off Newfoundland. Sov trawler fleet is active east of Greenland.

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X1 Navy — No strange merchant vessel activity in Atlantic [redacted] area of UFO was overcast during this period.

X1 X1 [redacted]

He was flying around Elmira, P. Asburgh, Lockhaven, etc., at about 2 hours before this. Turned off his radio because of static.

X1 Seaville — Any Sov a/c that could do this? BEAR could get there and back. Could carry something?

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Radars were operating —
picked up nothing — had nothing
in air in general area.

Seaville — [redacted] possible
cruise-type activity

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Army —

Seaville — We can all agree they
probably working on cruise-type
missiles — gave 'em capability for
a sub-launched job — no hard
evidence, no indications of supersonic.

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Navy - Why should they launch anything across US except in case of hostilities?

Kent - Purposefulness. We should think in terms, not of operational Sov a/c, but of Sov capabilities for special a/c

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Scoville - Could they have such a vehicle? Not to go at this speed round-trip from USSR.

[redacted]

Stoertz - If they fired something they knew could not return, must they also not assume it might crash in US - populated area, or at least be identifiable.

Navy - Wouldn't want such a thing to fall into our hands.

[redacted]

There are lots of peculiar sightings. This isn't novel today.

Kent - Are we sure about alt. and speed?

[redacted]

AF - Yes.

Weather report (new) of "anomalous propagation conditions" on east coast at the time.

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Kent - Were a lot of other radars in area alerted?

Army - Don't have full ADC report yet.

Scoville - summarizing -

No specific intell. surrounding event.

Intell. does not credit them with anything of these characteristics — except capability for sub-launched cruise-type missile.

What possible reasons?

Kent psychological or retaliatory.

1 [redacted] could also be testing penetration aids or our reactions.

Would get little out of this.

Scoville - can see no possible reason except marginal retaliation possibility.

Therefore little likelihood of this being a Sov vehicle.

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Scoville suggests no estimate required at this time —

X1 [redacted] reporting on phenomena not firm, and degraded at least to point that part of track now believed invalid.

Scoville — Nothing from intell. to support conclusion that this a Sov operation.

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